

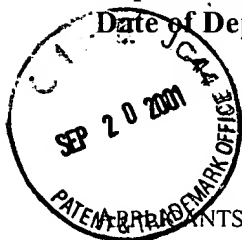
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APPLICANTS: Conrad, et al
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/490,700 EXAMINER: Matthew O. Wells
FILING DATE: January 24, 2000 ART UNIT: 1642
FOR: Methods for Diagnosis and Therapy of Autoimmune Disease, Such as Insulin
Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, Involving Retroviral Superantigens

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five (5) month extension of time for replying to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 28, 2001. With the extension, the present papers are due on or before September 28, 2001.

A check for \$945.00 is included to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5) for the Petition for Extension of Time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-502 (NOV-2). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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